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On page 1, replace the third full paragraph with:

It is furthermore known that, due to these inappropriate reactions of the immune system, endogenous substances (autoantigens) are perceived as foreign substances and a defense reaction develops against them which results in damage to the body's own tissue. Depending on the organ system involved, some 40 autoimmune conditions have been identified. These defense reactions may be directed both against individual cell constituents and against entire cells or organs.